



***1000 Homes South Hampton Roads
Chesapeake, Norfolk, Portsmouth, Virginia Beach, and Western Tidewater
Registry Week Fact Sheet
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Registry Week

1000 Homes South Hampton Roads is a regional collaborative effort supported by the cities of Chesapeake, Norfolk, Portsmouth and Virginia Beach as well as non-profit agencies, faith partners, and the South Hampton Roads Task Force to End Homelessness. The campaign is part of the statewide *1,000 Homes for 1,000 Virginians* initiative led by the Virginia Coalition to End Homelessness and the national *100,000 Homes Campaign*. These efforts are part of a national movement of communities working together to find permanent homes for the country's most vulnerable homeless individuals and families by July of 2014.

During the week of April 16 through April 18, 2012, more than 200 volunteers, including 90 volunteers who went out on to the streets as part of 18 survey teams, participated in the *1,000 Homes South Hampton Roads* Registry Week to identify the most vulnerable homeless persons sleeping on the streets. Volunteer teams used Community Solutions' Vulnerability Index to survey and create a by-name list of persons experiencing street homelessness who are most at risk of premature death.

In addition to systematically gathering the names, pictures, and dates of birth of persons sleeping on the streets and in shelters, the teams also captured data on their health status, institutional history (jail, prison, hospital, and military), length of homelessness, patterns of shelter use, and previous housing situation. These data were collected by the use of a 38 item questionnaire. The Vulnerability Index was used to identify those who have been homeless the longest and are the most vulnerable. This list will be used to target new and available housing and service resources to the most vulnerable in an effort to reduce chronic homelessness in South Hampton Roads.

The Vulnerability Index is based on research by Dr. Jim O'Connell, which shows certain medical conditions place persons experiencing homelessness at a higher risk than others for dying if they remain on the streets. The teams of volunteer surveyors canvassed the streets of the region, making contact with 477 homeless persons, 157 of whom (33%) were found to be vulnerable based upon health conditions and/or other indicators associated with a high mortality risk for homeless persons.

State and National Campaign Partners

The Virginia Coalition to End Homelessness



The Virginia Coalition to End Homelessness (VCEH) is a statewide nonprofit dedicated to preventing and ending homelessness in the Commonwealth of Virginia through community collaboration, capacity building, education and advocacy. VCEH promotes the understanding that there are solutions to homelessness, and we can and must work together to put in place a statewide system to prevent homelessness and rapidly re-house those who experience homelessness.

**1,000 HOMES for
1,000 VIRGINIANS**

Community Solutions

**COMMUNITY
SOLUTIONS**

Community Solutions is a national nonprofit organization dedicated to strengthening communities to end homelessness by building partnerships, sharing innovations, and connecting vulnerable people to homes and support. Community Solutions efforts grew out of the New York-based homeless services organization, Common Ground. Over 100 communities across the country are participating in the national campaign.

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HOMES**
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Local Supporting Organizations

City Partners

- City of Chesapeake
- City of Norfolk
- City of Portsmouth
- City of Virginia Beach
- Norfolk 3rd Police Precinct

Faith Partners

- Grace Covenant Presbyterian
- Oak Grove United Methodist
- Potters House
- Solid Rock Worldwide Outreach Ministries
- Spring Branch Community Church
- Virginia Beach United Methodist Church

Educational Partners

- Norfolk Academy
- Virginia Wesleyan
- Tidewater Community College
Portsmouth Campus
- Tidewater Community College
Job Skills Training
- Students from
 - Norfolk State University
 - Old Dominion University

Coalition Partners

- Chesapeake Coalition for the Homeless
- Portsmouth Homeless Advisory Coalition
- Virginia Beach Homeless Advocacy and Resources Partnership
- SHR Task Force to End Homelessness
- Norfolk Homeless Consortium

Non Profit Partners

- Disabled American Veterans – Chapter 4
- Freedom Marathon
- Portsmouth Area Resources Coalition
- Samaritan House
- The Salvation Army
- Virginia Beach Community Development Corp.
- Virginia Supportive Housing
- Volunteer Advocacy for Chesapeake Youth

Healthcare Partners

- Hampton VA Medical Center
- Baker's Crust

In-Kind Donors

- Baker's Crust
- Beach Bagel Bakery
- Business Document Solutions
- Brutti's Restaurant
- Deer Park
- Harris Teeter
- Krispy Kreme
- McDonald's
- Starbucks
- Sam's Clubs

Analysis of the Results of the Survey

477 persons experiencing street homelessness were identified and surveyed in South Hampton Roads.

VULNERABILITY AND AT-RISK DATA

Vulnerability Rate

Persons with a score of 1 or higher are determined to have vulnerability risk. The higher the Vulnerability Score, the more at-risk the person has been determined to be experiencing.

- 157 (33%) were found to have health conditions associated with a high mortality risk.

Vulnerability Score	Per Score of those Surveyed in SHR (477)		National Average
	Number	Percent	Percent
0	320	67%	55%
1	95	20%	23%
2	33	7%	12%
3	19	4%	6%
4	9	2%	2%
5	1	0.2%	1%
6	0	0%	0.1%
7	0	0%	0.05%
8	0	0%	0%

At-Risk Indicators

These are the factors that provide a vulnerability score in the chart above. The local % is of those 477 surveyed that had a positive response to the below indicators.

Indicator	Number	Local %	National %
Tri-Morbid (Combination of Mental Health Issues plus Serious Medical Condition plus Substance Abuse Issues)	60	13%	24%
3 or more ER or Hospitalizations in Past Year	82	17%	21%
3 or more ER visits in 3 months	60	13%	12%
Age Over 60	40	8%	10%
HIV/AIDS	13	3%	3%
Liver Disease, Cirrhosis or End Stage Liver Disease	28	6%	8%
Kidney Disease, End Stage Renal Disease or Dialysis	17	4%	4%
Frostbite	19	4%	7%

Families and Single Adults

Surveys included interviews of families presenting as homeless during the count. As work continues with those surveyed, there may be families who can be re-unified who do not appear in this family count.

Household Type	Number Encountered	Number Vulnerable
Family with Children	6	2 (33%)
Single Adults (no minor children)	471	155 (33%)

GENERAL DEMOGRAPHICS AND RESULTS OF POPULATION EXPERIENCE

These are demographic and data results on the total of the 477 persons interviewed.

Gender

- 333 (70%) male
- 137 (29%) female
- 4 (1%) transgender

Age

- 40 (8%) over 60 years old
- 28 (6%) 25 years old or younger
- Average age is 47.3 years old

Years Homeless

- The average years homeless for the vulnerable population is 5 years.
- The average years homeless for the non-vulnerable population is 3 years.
- 98 persons reported being homeless longer than 5 years.
- The longest reported length of homelessness was 27 years.

Veterans

- 67 (14%) surveyed reported being Veterans.
 - 79% of these Veterans are not connected to VA benefits and services.
- 22 (33%) of the Veterans met Vulnerability criteria.
 - 78% of these Veterans not connected to VA benefits and services.

History of Foster Care

- 57 (12%) of respondents report having a history of foster care.

Violence

- 113 or (24%) report being a victim of a violent attack since becoming homeless.

Disability, Mobility, and Medical Services Needs

- 250 (52%) reported history of substance abuse.
- 170 (36%) reported signs or symptoms of mental illness.
 - 105 (22%) reported a dual diagnosis of mental illness and substance abuse.
- 131 (27%) reported limited mobility
- 232 (49%) reported a serious health condition
- 87 or (18%) reported suffering from a brain injury (by history or as result of trauma on streets)

Income

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| • 54 working “on the books”. | • 111 have Social Security Benefits. |
| • 137 working “off the books.” | • 13 having other public assistance. |
| • 41 gain income from panhandling. | • 13 gain income from recycling. |

Jail and Prison Impact on Homelessness

- 327 (69%) report having been in jail.
 - Local community cost is estimated to be \$765,180 (average 30-day incarceration at \$78/day jail cost).
- 125 (26%) report having been in prison.

Health Care System Impact

279 (58%) report having no insurance, thus they have no way to pay for their medical care or psychiatric care needs.

Inpatient Hospitalizations (Medical and Psychiatric)

- A total of 146 inpatient hospitalizations were reported in the past year.
- These hospitalizations predict an annual estimated community cost of \$1,095,000.
 - Virginia Hospital and Healthcare Association PricePoint System provides inpatient daily costs for SHR hospitals at an average of \$2500 per day for a variety of conditions. Stays are estimated to average 3 days/visit.

Emergency Room (ER) Visits

- A total of 189 ER visits were reported by all respondents in the last 3 months.
- These ER visits predict an annual estimated cost of \$529,200.
 - Local average cost per ER visit is \$700. 189 visits in 1 quarter, then annualized arrives at this number.

SOUTH HAMPTON ROADS BY-CITY BREAKDOWN OF THE 477 PERSONS INTERVIEWED

Persons interviewed were identified by the city where they are experiencing homelessness. Persons experiencing homelessness move around our communities, so many may be captured one day in one city, but also spend time and receive services in others.

City where Homeless	Total Interviewed	Vulnerable
Chesapeake	35 (7%)	10 (29%)
Norfolk	258 (54%)	86 (33%)
Portsmouth	65 (14%)	20 (31%)
Virginia Beach	119 (25%)	41 (34%)

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